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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
ROUTE 92, LAOS

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON ROUTE 92, WHICH IS A MAJOR LINK IN THE CRITICAL CENTRAL SECTION OF THE COMMUNIST ROAD NETWORK IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE.

2. LOCATION:

THE GRAPHIC DEPICTS THAT PORTION OF ROUTE 92, WHICH EXTENDS FROM ROUTE 9 AT 1638N 10625E NORTH TO 1640N 10625E, APPROXIMATELY 0.4 NM SOUTH OF BAN DONG.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT ROUTE 92 IS A SIXTY-FOUR NM ROAD LINK WHICH, PARALLELING THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER, EXTENDS SOUTH AND SOUTHEASTWARD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 9 AT BAN DONG AND TERMINATES AT THE SE KONG (RIVER) IN THE VICINITY OF BAN BAC, 21 NM EAST-NORTHEAST OF SARAVANE. NORTH OF ROUTE 9 ONLY A SYSTEM OF TRAILS LEADS TO THE VIETNAM DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

ROUTE 92 HAS LIMITED ALL-WEATHER CAPABILITY BECAUSE ONLY A FEW BRIDGES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED (MOST STREAMS BEING CROSSED BY MEANS OF FORDS), OLD TRAILS HAVE BEEN UTILIZED WHERE POSSIBLE, AND ONLY SHORT SECTIONS OF THE ROAD HAVE BEEN SURFACED.¹ THE ROUTE REMAINED GENERALLY UNSERVICEABLE AND/OR IN A STATE OF DISUSE THROUGH OCTOBER 1966.²

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4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS ROUTE 92 TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 9 AT UTM XD519397 NORTH TO THE END OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT UTM XD528431. THE ROAD IS IN ADVANCED STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AND VEHICLE TRACKS ARE EVIDENT AS FAR NORTH AS 1638N 10625E (UTM XD523411). THE ROAD IS IN INTERMEDIATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION FROM THE END OF THE VEHICLE TRACKS NORTH TO A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FORD AT 1639N 10625E (UTM XD522422). INITIAL CLEARING FOR THE ROAD IS DISCERNIBLE FROM THIS POINT NORTH TO THE END OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE. ALSO OBSERVED ARE TWO APPARENTLY ACTIVE VILLAGES AT 1639N 10625E (UTM'S XD523419 AND XD523421).

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ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7015, SHEET

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¹ PIR, COMMUNIST ROAD NET DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE, NPIC/R-110/66, APRIL 1966

² SOUTHEAST ASIA ACTIVITY REPORT, SELECTED TRANSPORTATION AND INFILTRATION COMPENDIUM, 6-12 OCTOBER 1966, NO. 23, NPIC/R-356/66, OCTOBER 1966

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